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Freshman, AYA Science

"Working at the retirement home and hanging out with old people."

Student Health Services to be outsourced by fall 2013

University will select independent company this month to build new health center, manage its staff, services

By **Alissa Widman**
Managing Editor

Students seeking health care on campus will soon receive their services in a new facility under new management.

By the end of this month, a committee of University representatives will select an independent company to build a new Student Health Center and manage its staff and services, according to a request for

proposals document issued April 3.

The University plans to open the new health center by fall 2013, according to the request.

Managing the Counseling Center's services is an option included in the request but is not required.

May 2 is the last day interested companies can submit proposals, according to the request. The University has accepted proposals since the request was issued.

"I first had a conversation with [University President Mary Ellen Mazey] about the need for a new Student Health Center when she came into the position in August," said Jill Carr, senior associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. "When she started as president, it was clearly one of the first things she wanted to discuss with me."

The current Student Health Center opened in 1967 and is not

physically up to par, said Richard Sipp, director of the Center for Student Health. The building has not been renovated since 1999.

"It's very small, and it's not well-designed to assure privacy or efficiency," he said. "Many of the rooms are well below current standards. In all ways the physical facility is inadequate for the current needs of

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A Year in Review

The BG News takes a look at noteworthy events that took place on campus this past academic year



AUGUST

Students return to campus
Students moved into residence halls from Aug. 18 through Aug. 21. This year's students were the first to move into Centennial Hall and Falcon Heights, two of six new buildings to open on campus this semester.



OCTOBER

Pinkberry debuts after delayed opening
Pinkberry, a frozen yogurt store at the new Carillon Place dining center, opened Oct. 3 after its debut was delayed in order to install a custom sneeze guard.



DECEMBER

Mazey inaugurated as University president
Mary Ellen Mazey was officially inaugurated as the 11th University president Dec. 2 at a ceremony in the Stroh Center. The inauguration capped a week of events celebrating Mazey's presidency.

Wolfe Center officially opens

The Wolfe Center for the Arts officially opened to the public Dec. 9. The event included a two-hour open house, musical performances and speeches.

Student commits suicide on campus

Sophomore Joseph Monroe, a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, was found dead in his fraternity house Dec. 13. Several hundred students gathered outside the house that night in remembrance at a candlelight vigil.



FEBRUARY

Chick-fil-A creates controversy on campus
Dining Services considers replacing the Wendy's in the Union with Chick-fil-A, creating controversy among students because of the company's alleged "anti-gay" values. Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Senate voted against the proposal Feb. 17 and Feb. 20, respectively, and Dining Services removed Chick-fil-A from a student survey of possible campus food



APRIL

New Buffalo Wild Wings debuts
Buffalo Wild Wings opened April 16 at its new location across from the Stroh Center on Wooster Street. Many students lined up prior to its 8 a.m. opening, hoping to be one of the first 100 customers to receive "free wings for a year."

Dance Marathon breaks record

The University's 17th annual Dance Marathon collected more than \$225,000 for Mercy Children's Hospital in Toledo, surpassing this past year's record-breaking total of \$217,000.



SEPTEMBER

Student falls from fourth floor window
Freshman Samuel Hamilton fell from his fourth floor window at Centennial Hall on Sept. 8. Hamilton survived the fall and was transported to Wood County Hospital.



NOVEMBER

Student wins city council seat
Senior Daniel Gordon is elected as the 1st Ward seat for city council, making the 2011 election the first time in about 20 years a student won a seat.



MARCH

Three students killed in I-75 car crash
Five members of Alpha Xi Delta sorority were involved in a car crash on Interstate 75 on March 2. Sophomore Christina Goyett and juniors Sarah Hammond and Rebekah Blakkolb died as a result of the crash. Freshman Angelica Mormile and sophomore Kayla Somoles were injured and have since been released from the hospital.

Miller leaves for Indiana University

Women's basketball head coach Curt Miller announced his resignation March 28. Miller led the team for 11 years, posting eight consecutive Mid-American Conference division titles and an overall record of 258-92.

MAY

Commencement to take place this weekend
The University will celebrate its 273rd graduation in three ceremonies in the Stroh Center on May 4 and 5. More than 2,000 diplomas will be awarded.

Information compiled by Managing Editor Alissa Widman from past reports in The BG News.

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BLOTTER

FRI., APRIL 27

4 A.M.
Yahya Salem Alqahtani, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct near Alpha Phi Sorority. An age was not provided.

1:23 P.M.
A theft of less than \$500 was reported at Kreischer Darrow.

9 P.M.
A drug violation was reported in Kohl Hall.

11:10 P.M.
An ambulance assistance

was reported in Harshman Bromfield.

SAT., APRIL 28

3 A.M.
A suspicious person was reported at Jerome Library.

3:56 A.M.
Criminal mischief was reported at Harshman Chapman.

5:47 P.M.
An ambulance assistance was reported at the intramural fields.

6:15 P.M.
An ambulance assistance was reported at the intramural fields.

7:41 P.M.
An ambulance assistance was reported at Delta Zeta Sorority.

SUN., APRIL 29
12:19 A.M.
Disorderly conduct was reported at the television station.

1:03 A.M.
Disorderly conduct was reported at McDonald West.

2:46 P.M.
An ambulance assistance was reported near the Union.

3:41 P.M.
A theft of less than \$500 was reported near Centennial Hall.

MON., APRIL 30

6:04 A.M.
Complainant reported an Xbox and iPad stolen from an apartment within the 600 block of S. Main St. sometime between 7 a.m. Friday and the time of the complaint.

10:51 A.M.
Stephen E. Stout, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts/fake ID. A citation location was not provided.

11:05 A.M.
A black male subject and black female subject were reported to have short-changed a clerk out of \$40 at a convenience store within the

1600 block of E. Wooster St. They were reported to have left eastbound on Wooster.

11:15 A.M.
Two small dents in the rear passenger side of a vehicle were reported within the 300 block of E. Court St., causing about \$500 worth of damage.

1:41 P.M.
Complainant reported being thrown to the ground by staff members at an establishment within the 100 block of N. Main St. around 12:30 a.m.

2:16 P.M.
Complainant within the 700

block of E. Napoleon Road reportedly received a check and was instructed to send a certain amount to an overseas company. The check is possibly fraudulent.

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HEALTH

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students."

The University and the independent company it selects will collaborate to determine the new health center's location, staff, hours and services, Carr said.

"We're interested in implementing a model President Mazey is familiar with from Auburn University," she said. "We made a trip down there to see how they operated and we're continuing discussions with her about moving in that direction. It works very well there."

All current employees at the Student Health Center will have the opportunity to work at the new facility, said Rebecca Ferguson, chief human resources officer.

"There will be a transition plan for any current employees similar to the process we went through with

Chartwells when Dining Services was outsourced in 2009," she said. "I care deeply about what happens to this group of employees. There will be a continuum of opportunities for them and we will try to make it as seamless as possible."

Barbara Hoffman, who has served as the Student Health Center's director for 26 years, said she has met with her staff frequently throughout the year to discuss the potential changes.

To Hoffman, her greatest concerns are ensuring her staff members maintain their jobs and University students are provided with the unique resources they need.

"College health is so different from primary care and often students have never had exposure to health care on their own prior to coming to us," she said. "We just want to make sure the focus stays on students. With the Chartwells outsourcing, a

college dining service moved in ... this is a little different because it won't be another college health service coming in."

For this reason, some members of the campus community are unsure if outsourced health care can best serve college students' needs.

Instructor Cynthia Mahaffey, a past chair of the Faculty Senate's Health Services Advisory Committee, said a public discussion must take place to better inform the University community and to allow its members to voice their concerns.

"The loss of the center as a University-run institution with the needs of the students at heart will result in students going without proper medical care," she said. "This is not being conducted in a public way ... This decision was purely financial, and I don't think students' best interests

are being considered."

Carr and Sipp emphasized that students were the primary focus in the decision-making process, as outsourcing Student Health Services is the most cost-effective way to provide them with quality, up-to-date health care.

Funding for the Student Health Center is currently allocated from the general fees students pay each semester, Carr said. If the University was to build its own health center, it would be necessary to increase those fees.

"We don't have the dollars to build a new one and this allows those general fee dollars students are currently paying to be reallocated to other areas," she said. "The most important priority right now is meeting students' needs."

Alex Solis, Undergraduate Student Government president, expressed similar feelings.

"I plan to work closely

with other senators and the Division of Student Affairs to make sure the student voice is heard," he said in an email May 1. "I want to go in the direction of opening a direct line of communication between students and USG ... We will definitely have the ability to provide input about what company we feel is best to serve students."

Carr attended an executive meeting this past week to talk to USG representatives about the project and has been "nothing but helpful in keeping us in the loop," Solis said in the email.

"I know that when they know the specific answers to these topics, I will be informed as well," he said in the email. "I'm very confident that BGSU administrators will be in communication with [Vice President David Neely] and myself. The working relationship is there."

WANT MORE INFO?

To view the University's request for proposals from companies interested in building a new health center on campus, visit the online version of this story or visit this link:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/downloads/finance/file110232.pdf>

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **April 3:** Request for proposals issued
- **Week of April 16:** Pre-proposal conference
- **May 2:** Proposal due date
- **May 3-18:** Proposal evaluations
- **May 15-16:** Respondent presentations
- **May 22:** Respondent selection
- **Week of May 28:** Contract negotiations
- **Week of June 11:** Implementation meeting
- **August 1, 2013:** Opening date of new health center



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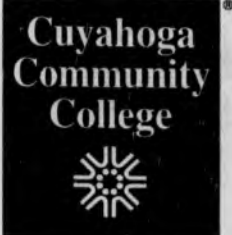
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FEATHERS

The trend seemed to pass after summer, but for a while, feathers were very popular as hair accessories. Semi-permanent and inexpensive, they had girls preening and wanting more.

"They're a really cool way to express yourself," said junior Breanna Butler in September. "And you don't really have to worry about maintaining them."



FALCONING

Instead of planking, University students invented falconing — a more spirited form of planking. Student orientation leaders said they created it to encourage school spirit. The form of planking is performed by bending over with your arms stretched out like wings.

"We thought it would be kind of funny for the freshmen to think that everyone was doing it, but really they were the first ones to do it as students," said Sydney McNulty, an orientation leader in September.



SEASONAL FOODS

Fall brought more than leaves, as restaurants such as Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, Olive Garden and Red Robin offered seasonal drinks and dishes. Starbucks offered a pumpkin spice latte, salted caramel mocha, apple pie frappuccino and a pumpkin cream cheese muffin. Dunkin' Donuts offered white hot chocolate and hot apple cider. Olive Garden dished up pumpkin cheesecake and Red Robin served an Oktoberfest burger.



CDS

An old trend became new, as 2011 marked the first time in four years that album sales rose. The possible reason? Artists like Adele, Lady Gaga and Lil Wayne making their albums disappear off the shelves.

"I've bought way more CDs this year," said sophomore Nicole Anderson in September. "More albums appealed to me this time than they did last year."



MUSIC SITES

With the arrival of spotify.com, a popular music site that links with Facebook, students were finding new ways to connect with their friends through music. Spotify also links with iTunes, Twitter and Windows Messenger.

"I like Spotify because it's a clever and new way of sharing music with friends," said junior Alex Kocak in December.



VERA BRADLEY

Tons of girls carry Vera Bradley products: laptop cases, purses, backpacks and more. The floral patterns brought color to campus during a dreary Bowling Green winter.

"Vera is a versatile line that has something for everybody," said Amy Craft Ahrens, owner of For Keeps, in January. "They're fashion-forward and always on top of the next color trend."



Pulse traces back this year's trends

Compiled By Danae King
Pulse Editor

This year Pulse introduced trends — a section that explains current trends, where they came from and why students took part in them. We covered 12 trends this year, so now we will trace back through them; come along and remember what was popular this year.

Can't believe you took part in a no longer popular trend? Don't feel bad, Pulse did, too.

PULSE trends



LONGBOARDING

A variation on skateboards, longboards have their own shape, size and culture. Many longboarders believe it to be a lifestyle.

"Longboarding has a calming effect, and it is not so focused on tricks, as, say skateboarding. Instead it is focused on simply riding," said junior Craig Snyder in February. "Plus, it makes commuting to class fun."



TIMELINE

The new Facebook profile layout increased the ability to creep on your friends or complete strangers. Some students believed that the new layout was easier to navigate.

"If I want to find something, it's a lot easier," sophomore Wynn Rice said in February. "It's less convoluted."



3-D MOVIES

This year many movies were re-screened in 3-D, and more are planned, maybe because people are paying to see movies again in 3-D.

"Some of these films have a cult following," said Jeffrey Brown, associate professor in the popular culture department, in February. "People will go see something for the 100th time if just one little thing is new."



FURRIES

People who dress up as animals became popular in the past few years. The trend is expensive, as those who participate sometimes purchase fur costumes.

"Fur suits aren't even really required, if you want to do it, you can," Sam Opdycke, a furry, said in March. "And being a furry doesn't mean being literally furry. It can be any animal."



CAMELBAK

Waterbottles that don't spill, CamelBaks, have become very popular among students.

"The valve is just the right size and seals automatically," said Seth Beiden, marketing and PR manager for CamelBak, in March. "We've had people say they drink more water through CamelBak because it's effortless."

DUBSTEP

A type of music that has swept the bar scene, dance clubs and mainstream radio, dubstep has its listeners dancing to the electronic beat. The music is believed to have backgrounds in reggae and electronic music.

"It has become more popular recently due to a new generation getting turned on to reggae, electronic music, trip hop," said Matthew Donahue, an instructor in the University's Department of Popular Culture, in February. "And all of that is incorporated in so-called 'dubstep.'"

Students plan for summer

Summer classes offer students opportunity to catch up, get ahead with price tag of shorter summer break

By Erin Cox
Pulse Reporter

Not all students have the typical three-month summer break to look forward to.

Some students will start summer classes May 14, leaving students who are taking summer classes with only a week between the end of finals and the beginning of the summer semester to get their summer must-dos accomplished.

Sophomore Jodie Wellman said fitting a summer into only one week would be difficult.

"I would spend it with all of my friends going to amusement parks and other fun locations," Wellman said.

Junior Krissi Bell said to make her summer complete she likes to go to music festivals and concerts, travel, go to the pool or quarry and just hang out with friends.

Bell, however, will take eight credit hours in online classes this summer.

"I think having summer classes is a good option for students who need to catch

up," Bell said. "That's why I'm taking classes this summer; I need to catch up so that I can still graduate on time."

Some students take online classes so they don't have to stay on campus to complete the course, but having the resources necessary for online classes presents problems of its own. Bell started taking online summer classes this past year, but she said it ended up not working out.

"I had to go to my brother's wedding and I went on vacation," Bell said. "It was hard because I didn't always have Internet access."

This summer Bell said she has it fixed in her mind that she's just not going to be able to have a typical summer break.

"Last summer I did all my summer stuff anyway and that's why it didn't work out, but this year I'm going to be working during the summer too," Bell said. "I've just accepted that I need to do this and I'm going to have to get it done."

Junior Rachael Murphy decided not to take summer

classes after considering it this year.

"I thought about taking some to clear up my schedule next year, so I'd only have four classes per semester," Murphy said.

The fact that the University charges a summer tuition, however, stopped Murphy from enrolling in summer classes and now she is going to work on getting internship credits for a public relations requirement.

Still, Murphy said that her summer to-do list includes working to make money, traveling, reading lots of books and exercising — not things easily accomplished within a week.

Summer vacation gives students a chance to wind down from the school year and a week might not be enough when trying to crunch in all other beloved summer activities as well.

"I think we still need a break in-between classes," Bell said. "I will be going to Alabama so I'll have at least one vacation before classes start."

SUMMER MUST-DOS

Compiled By Erin Cox
Pulse Reporter

1. Take a vacation with friends to Florida
—Shane Rode, freshman

2. Go to Barbados
—Erik Goins, junior

3. Go to my family's cottage in Michigan or do a week long road trip
—Robert Baker, sophomore

4. Go to New Zealand
—Quincy Goeke, sophomore

5. Just lay around
—Sara Kusnerak, senior

6. I'd go skydiving and rocky mountain climbing
—Alycia Robinson, sophomore

7. Go with friends to amusement parks
—Jodi Wellman, sophomore

8. Work, travel, read and exercise
—Rachael Murphy, junior

9. Attend music festivals, travel, go to the pool and hang out with friends
—Krissi Bell, junior



What's an activity that can't be missed this summer? Tweet #SummerFun @The_BG_News and tell us your summer must-dos.

Long-time Pulse album reviewer reflects on experiences at The BG News



ZACH GASE
MUSIC CRITIC

It doesn't seem like it was all that long ago, I was at The BG News table at Campus Fest back in fall 2009.

It was time to decide which route I wanted to take with my journalism career: print, broadcast or public relations. I had decided to check out The BG News meeting, and before I knew it I was covering my first story a week later.

This was before I had

taken any journalism classes (other than the introductory class), so I didn't really have any clue what I was doing, but I ended up learning just as much about journalism and writing from working 3 years at The BG News as I did in the classroom.

The past few years I focused mostly on writing album reviews, which was a lot of fun. I covered a new album every week for almost two years, and I have to thank Matt Liasse and Danae King for really giving me the freedom to cover the albums I wanted to write about.

I hope my reviews, whether you agreed with them or not, made you think a little bit about the music you listen to. I also hope that I was able to put you on to some new artists that you might not have heard about before.

I haven't been writing new reviews the past couple of months because I have been working at other publications, and I wasn't able to make time to do a weekly review for The BG News.

But I would like to thank everyone I worked with here at The BG News, and anyone who has ever read any of my work.

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BYRCE SPAGGIARI
Freshman,
Bowling Green



"Being a lifeguard and saving children's lives."

ALYSSA CANESSA
Freshman,
Bowling Green



"Interning at an engineering firm."

NATHAN LEONIS
Freshman,
Engineering Technology



"Working to get money to come back here."

HOLLY HENNINGER
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Torture techniques are not responsible for Bin Laden's death



MATTHEW THACKER
COLUMNIST

May 1 was the one-year anniversary of the raid on Osama Bin Laden's compound in Pakistan, which resulted in the death of the terrorist mastermind behind the attacks on the United States in 2001.

President George W. Bush had spent seven years (supposedly) trying to apprehend and/or kill Bin Laden, but had failed to "pull the trigger" as they say.

When President Barack Obama made the announcement that the Navy Seals had killed Bin Laden, the country immediately went into celebration mode. Conservative Republicans, however, immediately went into denial mode.

Every conservative commentator and pundit instantly went into giving all of the credit for Bin Laden's assassination to Seal Team 6 — the elite unit of Navy Seals that carried out the mission — Bush and "enhanced interrogation techniques" (which is the politically correct way to say torture).

Now, I totally agree with giving credit to Seal Team 6. They are one of the most highly trained, skilled and disciplined fighting units in the world, and they did their job well.

They killed the most wanted man in the world and buried him at sea before the rest of us even knew that anything had happened.

The people of that squadron have earned our utmost respect and appreciation.

That, however, is where my agreement with conservatives ends in this instance.

How can you give the credit for this kill to torturing terrorist suspects?

Credible information has never been given to the public that proves that torturing anyone led to the information that led to Bin Laden's death, although at the time, conservative pundits talked about it like it was an unequivocal fact.

Most people who have worked in the upper echelon of the intelligence gathering community (judging by the interviews that I have seen) will tell you that "enhanced interrogation techniques" do not work, because the infor-

mation that they garner is not credible. If someone is showing bamboo shoots under your fingernails, you will tell them whatever they want to hear to make them stop.

I have argued this point with many people in the 11 years since 9/11. I have often heard it said, "They tortured all of our innocent people when they ran those planes into the World Trade Center. Why shouldn't we torture them back?"

My answer is always the same. Because they are terrorists and we are the United States of America. We are supposed to be the good guys.

If we are not more respectable, responsible and admirable than people who kill innocent people for no reason, then we have already sacrificed our Americanism.

I also don't see how you give credit for taking out Bin Laden to Bush. Bush started talking tough about killing Bin Laden right after 9/11, but as time went on and the Iraq War drew focus and resources away from the hunt for Bin Laden, capturing and killing America's No. 1 enemy became less and less of a priority to Bush.

In fact, it was only about six months after 9/11 that Bush said he wasn't that concerned with where Bin Laden was hiding.

"Terror is bigger than one person," Bush said. "He's just a person who's been marginalized ... I don't know where he is. I really just don't spend that much time on him, to be honest with you."

It is a well-documented fact that in December 2001, early on in the Afghanistan War, American forces had Bin Laden cornered in Tora Bora, but Bush refused to send the tools needed to take Bin Laden out because he was afraid of damaging U.S. relations with Pakistan.

Five years later, in 2006, Bush told Fred Barnes of the Weekly Standard that capturing Bin Laden was "not a top priority use of American resources."

So why should he be credited for Bin Laden's capture, which took place over two years after he left office?

And why do conservatives believe that Bush is to be credited for Bin Laden's death, but

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doing the minimum is not new phenomenon

I was told by a teacher that our generation "seems not to care."

Really? We don't care? That's funny.

As a teacher, I'd assume there's nothing one would hate more than students doing the bare minimum required for coursework.

Enter Generation Y: considered by college professors

to be the laziest generation ever (oh, wait that was every generation since universities were invented, sorry).

Anyway, I don't think it's fair to call a whole generation lazy.

Because the economy is in shambles (which is in no way our fault, considering that the upper echelon of Generation Y is just entering the workforce) most of us work a job and go to school, sometimes more than that.

If there's a problem with doing the bare minimum, raise the bare minimum.

Don't complain if students decide not to come to class, fail them instead if it's so bothersome.

Even though we are young, most of us aren't looking for pity.

This really isn't constructive at all. Skipping class is not a new phenomenon, nor is doing the bare mini-

mum to get your degree.

To paraphrase Fyodor Dostoevsky "'Cs get degrees' is not without its attractions."

That said, if you're going to lecture a class about being lazy and skipping class, you might want to have the clairvoyance not to do it the Friday before exam week starts.

— Ian Zulick
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Rekindle faith in mankind

After reading Phillip Martin's article "Keep faith, connections during summer break," I felt compelled to respond. This is something that I normally would not do.

The author opened the article with the sentiment that, over the course of the summer, he did not want to inadvertently "stunt ... [his] dependence on God."

As a non-religious individual, I feel concerned for those people who experience a "dependence" on their deities — this phenom-

enon often leads to a sad kind of misanthropy and a distrust of one's fellow man.

I suspect such a misanthropy is manifesting already in the author, as evidenced by several of his statements, especially the following: "I fear dying lonely — to never 'fit in' or never find a lover. But, the truth is people will fail me."

"People will fail me." I'm stunned by this statement.

I'll admit, I've never in my life attended any church, so I'm unfamiliar with what goes on there.

So now I have to ask: Is this what people learn at church?

To simultaneously distrust and pity their fellow man, secure in the knowledge that they can only ever confide in and trust their omniscient deity?

As Martin says, "people will fail me ... God will never fail me."

This strikes me as being profoundly sad.

The human race is an incredibly special thing.

We're capable, through cooperation with our peers, of producing incredible societies and innovations and culture and art and drama.

We create and experience beauty every day,

and the world is an enormous playground with a near-infinite collection of joys and sorrows to experience in our lifetimes — all through our powerful interactions with our fellow man.

Taking part in the tapestry of existence is the grandest thing any of us will ever do.

It would be truly tragic for the author to shut himself off from his fellows.

I, for one, would urge him to rekindle his faith, not in his god, but in his fellow man.

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A FINAL WARNING TO LONGBOARDERS



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Senior reflects on time spent at University



JAMES BERO
COLUMNIST

With the click of a seat belt, and the turn of a car key, I remember driving away from my family home to begin the next chapter of my life almost four years ago.

Where has the time gone? It felt like just yesterday I was driving to the University with my parents in August 2008.

I clearly remember how

nervous and excited I was the day I moved to the University.

Would I make friends? Would I be happy here? Would I excel in my classes?

The same "butterfly in your stomach" feeling I had then is the same feeling I have now when I think about graduating on Saturday.

My upcoming graduation from the University has given me the opportunity to reflect on the time I have spent here.

During the past four years, I was able to grow in many ways.

During my time at the

University, I was able to grow academically.

I understand that homework, tests, projects and going to class can sometimes seem boring or mundane, but after completing all of the required coursework, I feel a huge sense of accomplishment and feel prepared to enter a job in my field. Through my hard work over the years, I have finally earned my degree.

I believe I have become a more critical, open-minded thinker about subjects I encounter, and I feel that is a skill I will carry into the future.

My advice to current and future students: Keep pushing yourself past your limits and continue to strive for excellence, because it will be worth it on graduation day.

I also believe I was able to grow socially while attending the University.

I look back on my first day and laugh a little about how nervous I was about meeting new people and making friends.

Throughout my years, I

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Editor-in-chief: lessons learned through change, involvement



ASIA RAPAI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In some ways it's difficult for me to write a farewell column because it feels like I just got here. However, when I really think about how much I have learned from working at The BG News, this year as editor-in-chief feels a whole lot longer.

To provide some context, I transferred to the University in fall 2010 from a community college back home in Michigan. I started working for The BG News immediately, making my whole college experience worth pulling all nighters and being homesick.

I know everyone says this, but it's true: finding something you're interested in and sticking to it can really help you cope with college. Not only cope with it, but also make it one of the most unique experiences you'll ever have.

When I first joined The BG News, I was confident in my level of experience as a junior. This made the transition easier while I was trying to fit in and learn from the hard-working students who run this newspaper.

But I didn't need to worry about fitting in or being inexperienced. I just needed to be proud to be myself, accepting that sometimes I can be stubborn, possibly too sarcastic, or appear too timid and laid back. These are my faults, but by expressing my true personality, I also learned that I am patient, a good teacher and listener and that my sarcasm can also translate to being pretty quick-witted. This encouraged me to become a leader.

When I stepped it up to lead our fresh staff this year, we had a new website and a

new structure, printing the paper three days per week instead of the traditional five days. We had a lot to learn and knew flexibility and communication would be important.

Our new structure was tested and improved several times throughout the semester — sometimes we failed and sometimes we shined, even winning some awards.

We provided news to the campus community, whether it was sensitive topics such as the several tragedies that happened this year, social issues, such as Chik-fil-A possibly coming to campus, or even just stuff for students to do such as events at the Stroh Center.

I know the staff that will take over now is ready for improvement and has the knowledge to bring that on. Please take advantage of this by interacting with The BG News online, through Falcon Screeches and letters to the editor (editors like getting mail). Let them know what you want to see and educate yourself about what kind of resource a student newspaper is.

Now for some shout outs: Next year's editor-in-chief, Max Filby, is a true journalist at heart. Thanks Max for asking me if I ever thought about applying for editor-in-chief.

I had shoved the thought far into the back of my mind and you helped to give me the confidence. You've been an amazing support through so many ups and downs this year.

Now it's your time to proudly run this organization. Despite all the silly nicknames we've called each other, I respect you and trust that you'll make this organization so strong.

I can't thank everyone individually, but I want to thank this year's editors for bonding together, starting with our editors retreat,

which really bonded us after a summer of figuring out how to work together. We have handled some tough topics with the highest standards possible on top of being students and having lives.

Thank you for communicating with each other and for proving your strengths and weaknesses. Realizing this made us a true team. As we worked together, partied together and some of us even lived together, we've morphed into a family. I love that we know way too much about each other (in a good way, of course).

Thanks to the staff for also remaining flexible and for dedicating your time to an important public service. Your work matters and you're learning from an amazing experience.

To everyone else who doesn't quite understand why what I just said might mean so much, please appreciate what you have while you're at the University. If you're not sure what all is available to you, here's a hint: read The BG News.

Like everyone tells you (there's a reason for that), get involved. You don't have to go to every football game to get a good college experience. The friends I have made here and the lessons I have learned can be attributed directly to an organization that gave me the best learning experience I didn't even know I would get the privilege of having: The BG News.

As I'm not graduating until December, I'll be back to visit the newsroom and the staff in West Hall. And you might see my byline in the paper from time to time in the fall.

However, I know I'll never have another year like this one.

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not to be blamed for eight years of economic policies that led to the worst recession in America since the Great Depression? These are the same economic policies,

by the way, that Mitt Romney is purposing to bring back if elected.

The answer is simple: Republicans just cannot bring themselves to admit that Obama has done anything right.

But whether they want to admit it or not, Obama did

something that Bush did not have the intestinal fortitude or the desire to do and our country is safer because of it. That is worth remembering on Election Day.

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Take a stand against bullying



ALICIA RIEDEL
COLUMNIST

"We stand stronger when we stand together."

If you've eaten your meals in a dining hall playing Akoo, you have probably heard these words many times.

They follow a commercial for the new documentary, "Bully." The film itself calls its audience to action with the tag line: "It's time to take a stand."

The issue of bullying is extensive and complex, but the film offers a door into discussion and greater awareness of the reality of this problem.

It follows victims of bullying, parents, school administration, and other students in order to begin to uncover the truth of bullying and how people view and react to the issue.

The film also promotes a larger project, which may be found on the website www.the-bullyproject.com.

When Akoo adds its assertion that we stand stronger together, following the film's call to action, it may simply refer to "strength in numbers." I believe there is also something more we can take from this message.

The documentary and Akoo's commercial statement suggests related questions: What is community and what does it mean to "stand together?"

We may begin to form answers to these questions by considering one family's

response to bullying.

In the documentary, one of the families represented suggests a call to community.

The parents of Tyler Smalley, an 11-year-old who committed suicide after repeated bullying, dedicated their lives to ending bullying by launching a project called "Stand for the Silent."

Kirk Smalley is shown as he encourages students in a memorial rally, for youth who have taken their lives after being bullied, to befriend anyone they see who is friendless.

The call presented by the Smalley family is clearly not merely about "strength in numbers," but rather about people reaching out to others and fulfilling needs.

It is about people building relationships with others who are different from themselves.

I think this is worth pointing out because it appears to reveal two difficult, yet encouraging messages.

The first is that we are all responsible for each other. No matter who we are or what our job description is, we have the responsibility to be aware of those around us and whether abuses are taking place.

In other words, we are "our brother's keeper."

The second message is that we can and should befriend the "other."

We are not the same, but we fit together. This is a concept C. S. Lewis presents in an essay entitled "Membership."

Lewis explains that the word "membership" was originally a Christian word and

did not mean what it often means today.

Today, it is often used to describe individuals who belong to a collective. Their membership to a group is based on qualities that they share with every other member.

Lewis illustrates this by writing, "A row of identically dressed and identically trained soldiers set side by side, or a number of citizens listed as voters in a constituency are not members of anything in the Pauline sense."

In the Pauline sense, members, in Greek, "meant what we should call organs, things essentially different from, and complementary to, one another."

We may see community in this light. When we talk of standing together, we can mean functioning as a living body. We are all different and perform different functions within our communities.

At the same time, as we are all dependent on each other and function together, it is crucial that we take care of each other.

The documentary "Bully" calls us to take a stand and Akoo adds that we'd better take that stand together. The Smalleys encourage us to take that stand in friendship.

If we recognize the dignity of every person and appreciate our different strengths and weaknesses, then we can truly say that "we stand stronger when we stand together."

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have been involved in many campus organizations and musical ensembles.

Getting involved immediately during my first year was the one of the best college decisions I made.

I was able to meet so many great people and build life-long friendships and contacts.

To current and future students: Get involved.

It will add so much more to your overall college experience and will give you opportunities to excel outside of the classroom.

While growing socially and academically, I feel I was able to mature in ways that would prepare me to succeed in college and prepare me for the upcoming endeavors in my life.

I learned the value of a dol-

lar, how to budget, how to pay bills, how to go without, how to manage my time successfully and much more. The skills I learned in terms of maturity during college are things parents always tell their kids that if they don't learn it now, they will have to learn it the hard way in the "real world."

Oh, the "real world." I remember my parents always made this world sound like an awful place.

It seemed like it was a place where no one had any money and they were starving, wandering the streets looking for work and shelter.

That was the image I had in my head when I was a kid, but it's not like that, and our parents made it seem tough because they wanted us to be aware that life isn't always easy, and you have to work hard to be successful.

When I graduate from

the University on Saturday, I feel prepared to enter the "real world."

I believe the academic and social skills I have attained during college will benefit me when I begin a career.

I also feel I have matured greatly during school, and this will also serve as an asset to me as I begin the next chapter in my life.

To the graduating seniors: I don't know what each of your individual college experiences were like, but I am sure we shared some similar experiences along the way.

I wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors, and hope you will cherish the memories you have from your undergraduate experience.

Roll Along!

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This week, The BG News examines what changes will happen while students are away for summer.

Union to undergo renovation during summer months

By Tara Keller
Reporter

Starting the Monday after exam week, the Union will undergo its first major renovation since it opened in 2002.

The areas set for remodeling include the Black Swamp Pub, the computer lab, the television lounges and the arcade.

"There's going to be less activity in the building this summer," said Gale Swanka, the Union's senior associate director. "We had a window of opportunity and we said 'let's do it and do it now.'"

The majority of the changes will occur on the first and second floor, she said, with the arcade being removed to make space for the remodeled computer lab.

"The arcade's level of activity has dropped in the last few years," Swanka said. "There's less loyal users."

There are no hard feelings concerning the University's decision to remove the arcade, said Keaton Hughes, the operator of KATS, the company that provided the arcade games.

"I completely understand the administration's side," he said. "I feel bad the students at BG no longer have this opportunity."

The arcade games that were once housed in the Union

were moved to GAMER: Video Games in Findlay, Ohio, Hughes said.

In addition to the arcade removal, the back half of the existing computer lab will become a larger kitchen for the Pub's staff.

"Their kitchen right now is about the size of my office," Swanka said. "They're having a hard time producing more menu items."

Pub prep cook David Demings said he thinks the change is a great idea.

"The space is kind of ridiculous right now because if you have more than two people, they'll run into each other," he said. "The change will make the whole kitchen move more efficiently."

This additional space is needed because the Bowling Greenery will move from its current location on the second floor to combine with the Pub on the first.

"The Pub will be a little bit more formal during the day and be a pub at night," Swanka said.

The space where the Greenery is will become a TV lounge and a quiet study space, she said. This past year, a few University students volunteered in a survey and their results said they wanted more study room in the Union.

"We'll have a mix of

"We want to put some orange and brown paint in some places in the building ... We also want to get some SIC SIC and Freddie and Freida memorabilia."

Gale Swanka | Union's Senior Associate Director

tables and chairs so students can bring laptops and work on homework there," Swanka said.

Students who don't want to bring their laptops to the Union can turn to the remodeled computer lab, she said. The lab will be updated with new computers and the room's layout will be redesigned.

Instead of the individual work stations the lab has now, the new lab will feature longer tables that will work better for group projects, Swanka said.

Although senior computer science major Billy Wagner is graduating this week, he said he's looking forward to the lab changes for the younger students.

Wagner said he comes to the lab three to four times per week and has some remodeling suggestions of his own.

"We should have more of the study cubbies because I like to have my own space," he said. "I like this place for sure."

In addition to the remodels, the Union will also undergo an orange and brown make-

over, Swanka said. Though the process is still in the idea stage, it could still happen over the summer.

"We want to put some orange and brown paint in some places in the building," she said. "We also want to get some SIC SIC and Freddie and Frieda memorabilia for that past, present, future link."

Former at-large USG senator Jon Zachrich has been working with Swanka to help put spirit back into the Union.

"The Union is supposed to display what students enjoy at BG and right now the color theme lacks spirit," he said. "We want to make sure we have that spirit in the Union."

Because the spirit project would involve some relocation of donors' pictures and other existing memorabilia, Zachrich said he and Swanka are going to be careful.

"We're making sure people's wishes are honored we don't step on anyone's toes," he said. "The remodel will be a long process and we're excited to work on it."

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Memorial service to take place Saturday for deceased student

A memorial service has been planned for freshman Kayleigh Chambers, the University student who was found dead at her Second Street apartment this past Thursday by the Bowling Green Police Division.

The service will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday at Neville Funeral Home, 7438 Airport Highway in Holland, Ohio, according to Tuesday's Campus Update email.

Visitation will take place prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Delta High School Music Program in Chambers' name or to an account set up at any Fifth Third Bank.

Police are continuing to work with the Wood County Coroner's Office to investigate the incident, Administrative Lt. Brad Biller said Thursday.

Faculty Senate approves new degree, Honors Program

A new degree and a new Honors Program could possibly be added to the University this fall.

Faculty Senate voted Tuesday to approve a minor in Chinese for main campus and an Honors Program for Firelands campus.

If the Board of Trustees approves the motion at its meeting this Friday, incoming students will then be able to earn a Chinese minor in the fall.

"BG is advancing in international language study," said Tim Pogacar, chair of the Department of German, Russian and East Asian Languages. "We're hoping this minor will encourage more people to take this language."

Requirements to earn the minor will resemble minors in Italian, German and Latin, he said.

The curriculum at Firelands campus could also change if the Board of Trustees approves its potential Honors Program.

"I have been collaborating with other honors programs in working to extend the program to Firelands," said Chris Fluckinger, a Firelands psychology instructor. "Most regional colleges have an honors presence, Firelands has had a sporadic presence."

The program would be extended to Firelands students who are working toward associate degrees, he said.

Jerome Library adds new digital database to its archives

University Libraries has added a new digital archive to its expansive archive collection.

"Rock and Roll, Counterculture, Peace and Protest, Popular Culture of Britain and America 1950-75" is now available in the Jerome Library, according to a press release posted to the University's website Feb. 23.

The database release came after two years of documenting and archiving music, pop culture, fashion and youth culture with British company Adam Matthew Digital, Dean of Libraries Sarah Bushong said.

The archive also features pieces on civil rights issues, student protests throughout the United States and the Vietnam War, according to the press release.

Adam Matthew Digital approached the University to help create the archive because of the Department of Popular Culture's already expansive collection of related material, Bushong said. Many of the pieces in the database came from the University.

This digital archive joins several others University Libraries has released, including a Vogue database of the entire magazine collection.

"This is an area we are going to pursue in the future," Bushong said of digital archives. "It gives BGSU national recognition."

University Libraries continue to advance their resources and media, from print collections to expansive online databases.

"We do the traditional stuff, we have books, but we have this edgier side," Bushong said.

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NEWS FROM COLLEGES AROUND THE COUNTRY VIA UWIRE, THE COLLEGE NETWORK

Rise of unpaid internships sparks concerns

As internship experience increasingly becomes a critical part of college graduates' search for employment, some have raised concerns about internships in the private, for-profit sector that do not compensate students for their work.

Ross Perlin, author of the recently-published book "Intern Nation," said in an email to The Badger Herald internships are a "virtual requirement" in today's job market, a trend that began in the '80s and has been growing ever since. He argues the system, although it has some positive aspects, is no longer working.

Perlin describes a trend in which interns are no longer being financially compensated for their work, a trend he said has worsened since the financial crisis of 2008. Perlin said about one-third to one-half of all internships are unpaid.

"The recession since 2008 has only made things worse: Paid internships have become unpaid, unpaid interns have advanced at the expense of regular entry-level jobs and new groups are turning to internships (recent graduates, people in their 30s or 40s switching careers, high school students) with a desperation that employers are taking advantage of," Perlin said.

— By Leopoldo Rocha
(The Badger Herald, University of Wisconsin)

Epilepsy often misdiagnosed due to similar symptoms

New research from Johns Hopkins University has found that many cases of epilepsy are misdiagnosed due to similar symptoms from an entirely different disease.

According to a paper published in the journal "Seizure," these patients are instead suffering from what senior investigator Jason Brandt calls psychogenic non-epileptic seizures, or PNES, resulting from emotional trauma because of the inability to handle stress in an appropriate manner.

True epileptic seizures result from abnormal electrical discharges occurring in the brain, leading to a variety of symptoms characterized as seizures, which can range from long staring spells to violent and uncontrollable muscle spasms. Regardless of the symptom though, the root in all epileptic seizures comes from a disorder in the brain.

However, PNES is caused by an overload of emotional stress which causes an individual to transform mental dysfunction into physical symptoms.

Defunct brain signals from epilepsy can be visualized by an instrument called an electroencephalogram (EEG) which monitors the electrical activity in the brain and can give doctors an inside look at what is happening inside an individual's head.

—By Erick Sun
(The Johns Hopkins News-Letter, Johns Hopkins University)

Student loan debate hits national spotlight

With current student loan interest rates set to double in July without government intervention, both politicians and students have thrust the issue into the national spotlight.

While the issue has divided both major political parties, the possibility of an increase from the current 3.4 percent rate has prompted students to protest against student loan debt as politicians have begun to recognize it as a hot button issue.

The U.S. House of Representatives' passage of a \$5.9 million Republican bill to extend the current rate on Stafford loans already faces veto threats from President Barack Obama, and it appears unlikely that the parties will pass extensions without a compromise.

But students hoping to nudge politicians into making a decision about the issue have organized protests against student loan debt in response to the possibility of a rate increase. A \$1 Trillion Day of Action — named after the aggregate amount of loan debt accrued by college students — saw students from around the country gather to protest the issue.

"Student debt is honestly completely out of control in this country," said UC Santa Cruz student Maria Jennings, who participated in the Wednesday protests, in an email.

— By Damian Ortellado
(The Daily Californian, University of California-Berkeley)

Study indicates abortion-restricting bills have increased

While legislators across the country introduced fewer abortion-restricting bills in the first three months of this year than last year, a study put out by a sexual health advocacy group shows a significant increase over the past decade.

In the first three months of the year, legislators in 45 out of the 46 legislatures that convened introduced 944 provisions dealing with reproductive health and rights, of which more than half restrict access to abortion, according to a report released earlier this month by the Guttmacher Institute, a sexual health research group.

Since the beginning of 2012, 75 abortion restriction acts were approved by at least one chamber in state legislatures throughout the country, the report said. Nine of these restrictions have already been enacted.

In 2011, 127 abortion restrictions were approved by at least one legislative body, the report said.

Guttmacher Institute spokesperson Rebecca Wind said this is not unusual in an election year since some state legislatures do not meet every session, and there are fewer state legislatures meeting this year.

However, in the last election cycle in 2010, 46 restrictions passed at least one legislative chamber during the first three months of the year, while in the 2008 election cycle only 34 passed, according to the report.

—By Kylie Peterson
(The Badger Herald, University of Wisconsin)

Young voters still like Obama, but are not voting

As President Barack Obama makes the rounds to college campuses in North Carolina, Iowa and Colorado to mobilize young voters, a recent Gallup poll shows that his overwhelming support from young people may not translate into votes.

According to a phone survey conducted by Gallup from April 20 to 24, people aged 18 to 29 in the U.S. support Barack Obama over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for president 64 to 29 percent, but these supporters are also the least likely to be currently registered to vote and are the least likely to vote.

Overall, Obama leads Romney in the polls, 49 to 43 percent. That gap gets smaller, however, as the age of voters increases. Obama leads by 4 and 5 points among those 30 to 49 years old and 50 to 64 years old, respectively. Among those 65 and over, Romney leads Obama by 12 points, 52 to 40.

John Hefflin, a Marquette University senior and an intern with the pro-Obama group Organizing for America, said it's too soon to tell how college students will vote at the polls in November.

—By Allison Kruschke
(The Marquette Tribune, Marquette University)

Painkiller prescriptions are on the rise

With the sales of prescription painkillers increasing around the nation, state health and government officials are stressing the need to increase efforts to monitor and dispose of certain medications.

The leading cause of unintentional deaths in Arizona and around the nation is the result of poisoning and drug overdose, according to Keith Boesen, director of the Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center. Boesen said more people die from these each year than they do from car accidents.

One of the biggest contributors to this rise is narcotic pain relievers, such as hydrocodone and oxycodone, Boesen said. Having so many of these drugs available is concerning, he said, because it allows easy access for many people, which can lead to an increase in deaths.

"We have seen an increase over the past several years in calls about exposures to or questions about narcotic pain relievers," Boesen said. "Those drugs are becoming a bigger percentage of the drugs involved in exposures."

In Arizona last year, more than 2.2 million people were given hydrocodone prescriptions and almost 2 million people were prescribed oxycodone, said Dean Wright, the prescription monitoring program director for the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy.

—By Brittny Mejia
(The Arizona Daily Wildcat, University of Arizona)

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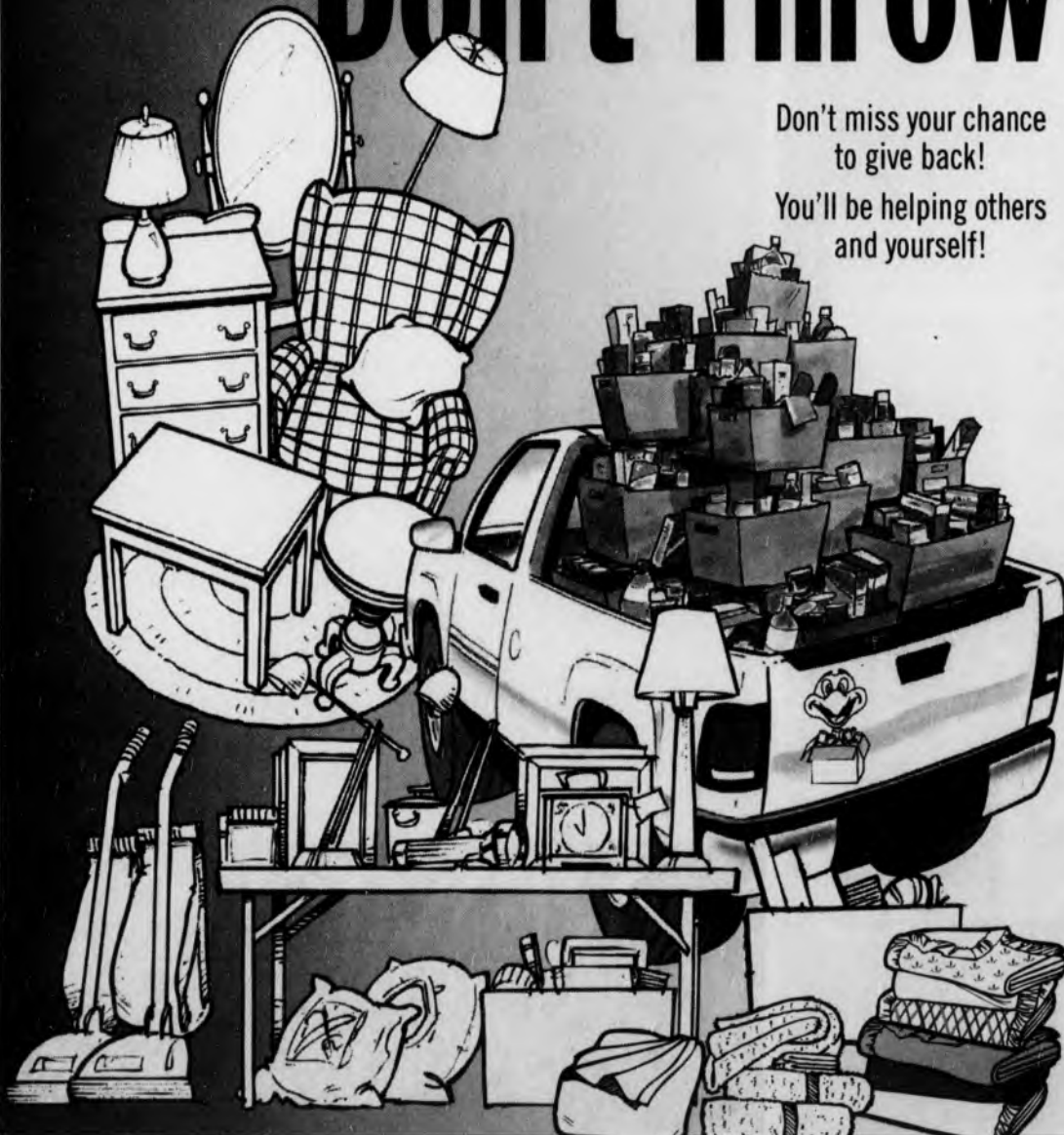
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Summer Sluggers

BG softball, most improved team in the country, prepares for MAC tournament play

By Ethan Easterwood
Reporter

As the school year concludes for many students, summer must wait a bit longer for the BG softball team, but you won't hear its members complaining about it.

The end of the regular season means the beginning of tournament play, something the Falcons are very excited about.

The last time the Falcons made the Mid-American Conference tournament was 2010 with a 13-29 record, when they were eliminated quickly. They were omitted in 2011 with their 12-32 record. This season brings in lots of hope as the Falcons are 34-17 with four games left to play.

This season is a turnaround for the Falcons and sets them as the most improved team in the country.

"To be honest, I don't know if the kids all know it yet," head coach Shannon Salsburg said. "It sounds cliché but we just take it pitch by pitch and game by game."

The Falcons are currently sitting in second place overall in the MAC but first place in the MAC East and will comfortably make the MAC tournament. The Falcons only trail the Ball State Cardinals, who they will play in two away games this Saturday and Sunday.

The MAC tournament will take the top eight teams and seed them according to win percentage, leaving two teams omitted.

BG is eyeing the No. 1 seed and hopes to win the tournament. The winner of the tournament will get a berth into the NCAA tournament this summer.

Even though their MAC berth is set, however, the Falcons still have four games to play, all of which are on the road. BG has brought in an 11-7 record on the road.

Up first for the Falcons will be a trip to Oxford, Ohio, to play the RedHawks of Miami in a doubleheader on Friday. Miami is currently sitting in second place behind the Falcons in the MAC East and the RedHawks will be looking to take the top spot from the Falcons. Miami is 32-16 overall and 13-5 in conference play.

Following that game the Falcons will travel to Muncie,

Ind., to play in two games at Ball State, one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Ball State is the current leader in the MAC overall with a .815 win percentage and 13-3 conference record. They are 35-13 overall compared to BG's 34-17 record.

The final two opponents will test the Falcons and give them a final taste at the stiff competition in their way to winning a MAC title.

A strong finish against both these teams could result in a high seed and quite possibly the top seed in the tournament.



KATIE LOGSDON | THE BG NEWS

Sports editor recaps an exciting year of BG sports



RYAN SATKOWIAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Hard to believe this year is over already, right?

Back in August, in our first issue of the year, I wrote about all the things people had to look forward to this year — most notably, the opening of the Stroh Center, as well as a number of young, talented teams on campus that could make some noise this year.

Never did I think that so much would happen this year.

First and foremost, the Stroh Center was everything it was expected to be and maybe more. The volleyball team kicked it off by sweeping the Best Western Invitational in September, en route to 12 straight wins to start the season.

It also provided a huge home-court advantage to both basketball teams. The BG men's and women's basketball teams had a combined 26-6 record at home this season. That's a .812 win percentage — pretty solid no matter how you slice it.

Second, two of the most successful coaches in BG history stepped away from their positions for different reasons. Volleyball coach Denise Van De Walle retired after 29 seasons as a Falcon and women's basketball coach Curt Miller left for the greener pastures of the Big

Ten at Indiana.

Heading into the year, we knew it would be Van De Walle's farewell tour; she announced last year that 2011 would be her final season. Miller's departure, while not a huge surprise, came as a shock nonetheless, especially after carrying out one of the most impressive coaching displays of his career this season.

The school also garnered national attention for hosting the first round of the women's NCAA Tournament, with eventual National Champion Baylor defeating UC-Santa Barbara and Florida on its way to an undefeated season.

And then there was the hockey team. After a dreadful start to the season, the Falcons buckled down late and advanced to the CCHA semifinals at Joe Louis Arena for the first time since 2001.

In the process, the attendance record at the Ice Arena was broken, with 5,031 fans showing up to watch the team's regular season finale against Michigan.

More recently, there hasn't been a more remarkable story than the BG softball team. With four games to go in the season, the Falcons have 34 wins. The past three seasons, they won 38 combined games, including only 12 last season. Their plus-22 win differential is the high-

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BRANDON HOWARD, BG infielder, positions himself under a fly ball. He played 14 games before missing the rest of the 2011 season with a broken foot.

BG baseball in three-way tie for final seed in MAC tournament

Falcons, along with Northern Illinois and Miami, fight for eighth seed

By The BG News Sports Staff

While students will soon vacate campus for the summer, the BG baseball team will still be at work attempting to keep its season alive.

The Falcons sit in a three-way tie with Miami and Northern Illinois for the eighth and final seed in the Mid-American Conference Tournament, scheduled to take place May 23 through 26.

All three teams have 7-11 conference records and sit half a game behind Western Michigan, the holder of the seventh seed.

Complicating matters for the Falcons is that both Western Michigan and Miami won their

respective season series with BG. The Broncos swept the Falcons back in late March, while Miami took two of three games from BG several weeks ago. The Falcons do not have Northern Illinois on their schedule this season.

The top three seeds from each division qualify for the MAC Tournament. The next two teams with the best records, regardless of conference, determine the seventh and eighth seeds.

In the MAC East, BG is tied with Miami for fourth. The schools sit three games behind Akron, which also swept BG this season. Kent State and Ohio are the top two in the East. BG sits eight and five games behind

them, respectively.

The Falcons have 10 games remaining on their schedule, with nine of those contests coming in three separate three-game weekends sets.

Coming up this weekend, the Falcons will travel to Ypsilanti, Mich., for a three-game series with Eastern Michigan, the No. 2 seed in the MAC West. The Eagles are 10-8 on the season, two games behind Toledo in the West.

The following week, on May 8, the Falcons will play their final midweek regular season game, a Tuesday after-

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VOLLEYBALL

Tomic to coach Ohio Valley Region's High Performance Program

BG volleyball coach Danijela Tomic was invited to serve as a coach in the Ohio Valley Region's High Performance Program for USA volleyball this summer. She will coach the youth team, where tryouts begin May 5, and will finish her duties as a coach in Des Moines, Iowa, July 24 through 28.

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Summer entertainment destinations

By Tara Keller
Pulse Reporter

Toledo Zoo Amphitheater

—Drive time 29 minutes

Animals and music combine in the historic Toledo Zoo Amphitheater. Students can visit the zoo during the day and enjoy a concert at night.

"It's a unique venue because you get to come to the zoo after hours," said Andi Morman, director of marketing and public relations at the zoo. "In addition to all the concert fun, you're also helping to support the zoo."

The amphitheater, plus several of the animal buildings, were built in the 1930s as part of Works Progress Administration under President Roosevelt during the Great Depression. It's the largest count of WPA era buildings in one location in the country, Morman said.

"These incredible buildings are all hand-made and put these people back to

work," Morman said.

Depending on how the concert is set up, the amphitheater can hold about 4,000 to 5,000 people.

"It's very intimate and there's not a bad seat in the house," Morman said. "Even if you're sitting in the back row, you're not that far away."

For those who don't want to spend money this summer to see a concert, the amphitheater offers "Music Under the Stars," a free outdoor concert series by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra.

Huntington Center

—Drive time 26 minutes

Built in 2009, the Huntington Center in Toledo is one of the newest venues in Northwest Ohio.

"It's a newer venue, so it's a lot nicer," said marketing manager Al Purdie. "It's got a more modern look."

The venue was built for concert-goers with entertainment in mind, he said.

"The arena was built to

have great sound," Purdie said. "We get a lot of compliments on our sound."

Because it's a smaller venue, students don't have to sit in the front row to get a good look at their favorite artists.

"There's not a bad seat in the house," Purdie said. "It's not often you get a really good view like this."

Students, Purdie said, should definitely make the drive north to see a concert at the Huntington Center.

"We're within 20 miles of BG," he said. "We're adding concerts all the time."

Nationwide Arena and Schottenstein Center

—Drive time: 2 hours, 11 minutes —Nationwide

—Drive time: 2 hours, 7 minutes —Schottenstein

Columbus' two major venues, Nationwide Arena and the Schottenstein Center, both offer University students different vibes when they see a concert.

"With Nationwide, the vibe of being in the heart of the arena district is really great," said director of communications Kim Mahoney. "And the Schottenstein has more of that college campus feel."

Students can choose whether why want to see a concert downtown at Nationwide or near The Ohio State's University's main campus at the Schottenstein Center.

"They've got a great atmosphere and wide open spaces," she said.

Both venues will feature a variety of big-name artists, so there is a concert for everybody, Mahoney said.

After students watch a concert at either same-sized venue, they can visit Columbus' many bars and restaurants.

"Downtown Columbus pretty much has anything you'd want to look for," Mahoney said. "It's easy to make a whole weekend out of it."

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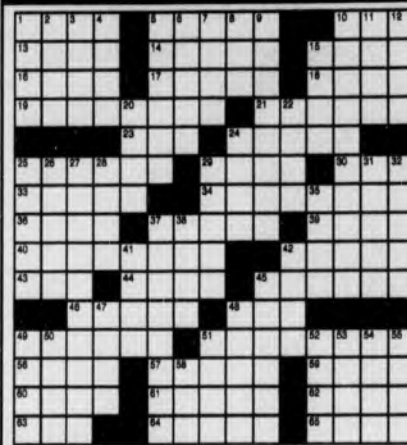
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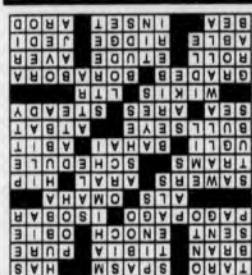
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